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(SBU) EmbOff raised reftel points with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Acting Joint Secretary, Rudra Nepal, during a December 4 meeting, and urged the Government of Nepal (GON) to vote against the "defamation of religions" resolution at the UN. Acting Joint Secretary Nepal said he was aware of the resolution. While the GON has not made a final decision on the resolution, Nepal noted that the GON has abstained on similar resolutions in the past.

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